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[REDACTED] is reported to be seeking support for a military move [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] met with Carabinero [REDACTED] and they were cool ("in stoney silence") concerning the dangers of Communism.

Contact has been broken with [REDACTED]

Allende has reacted to press pressures abroad by advocating the establishment of committees in foreign capitals to improve the UP image.

The possibility of a political solution seems more remote than ever.

There was a report on 12 October, as yet unconfirmed, that military commanders in Concepcion and Valdivia were planning a move against the government.

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We continue to maintain contact with General Vial. He has not yet provided hard details, but claims considerable support. There is no question that he is the only figure in Chile who is now actively attempting to carry out a coup, with the possible exception of [REDACTED]

In summary, there is little climate in Chile to encourage or sustain a military move at this time, but General Vial continues to try, with his major problems apparently being (a) a sure way of containing the high command, especially General Schneider

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in the early hours of a coup attempt and (b) a method of controlling the pro-Allende mobs which very probably would swarm through downtown Santiago in the event of a coup attempt.

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